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The Milkman's on His Way was first published in 1982 and is one of the first queer young adult novels to appear in the UK. It tells the story of Ewan McCrae, a gay teenager living in Cornwall, struggling to come to terms with his sexuality. To explore his identity, Ewan leaves his claustrophobic home town for London, where he hopes to find people who are just like him. For many gay teenagers of the early 1980s *The Milkman's on His Way* was a rare chance to read a life-affirming story that put their experience at the centre.

David Rees (1936-1993) was a young adult fiction author, many of his books featured gay characters. Later work like *The Wrong Apple* (1987) explored the experience of living with AIDS. Rees died in 1993 from AIDS-related illness.

'For some, this honest tale of young love was an affront to their prejudices. To some of us it was a sign we were not alone. It remains as touching and relevant as ever – a gay classic.' Sir Ian McKellan

- New introduction by Paul Baker, author of *Outrageous! The Story of Section 28 and Britain's Battle for LGBT Education and Camp!*
- One of the first young adult novels about gay experience
- First published by the Gay Men's Press in 1982
- Censored under Section 28, hated by the *Daily Mail*
- Out of print since the early 1990s
- Will appeal to older queer readers who were teens in the late 80s-early 2000s - not just a YA novel
- Afterword by Torsten Højer, editor of *Speak My Language*

"Gentle and moving coming-of-age and coming-out story.' B.J. Woodstein, author of *We're Here! A Practical Guide to Becoming an LGBTQ+ Parent*.

'The book glorifies homosexuality and encourages youngsters to believe that it is better than any other sexual way of life.' House of Commons debate, 1987.

"Exactly the kind of book that I needed to read in 1988, when I was 16 years old and starting to consider my reaction to the male models in my mother's Littlewoods Catalogue.' Paul Baker, from the new Introduction to *The Milkman's On His Way*.